

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1557 - HB 1629

April 6, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Designates certain psychologists as prescribing psychologists who receive a special certification from the Board of Examiners in Psychology. A prescribing psychologist would have the authority to prescribe and write orders for drugs (including controlled substances) and laboratory tests. The certification for a prescribing psychologist would include fulfillment of certain qualifications and training based on guidelines from the American Psychological Association. The standards and requirements would include education in pharmacology, psychopharmacology and related sciences. It would also include a minimum of one calendar year of supervision with at least 100 patients, 300 hours of instruction, and successful completion of a national examination.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,200 Recurring
\$2,250 One-Time
Increase State Revenues - \$3,500

Estimate assumes some additional administrative and computer expenses in the Department of Health. Because regulatory boards are required to be self-sufficient, it is assumed that fees will cover all additional expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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